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The Honorable Harold Nicolson  
The Albany  
Piccadilly, W.1  
London, England

Dear Harold:

I sincerely appreciate your letter of 30 April, which reached me a few days ago. The thought that I could have forgotten you is certainly far from the mark. Not only do I remember vividly our days together in Paris in 1919 -- and I often read over the kind remarks you made about me in "Peace Making", even though we differed on the Bulgarian boundary question -- but I am an avid reader of what you write.

What you have to say about Foster is sincerely appreciated. During these last difficult weeks, as long as he could read or be read to, he found deep satisfaction in the evidence of real understanding of what he had been striving for, very particularly as expressed in your country, and also quite widely from the other countries of the free world.

We have had our "Montgomerys" too and it is one of the features of a free society that we should understand on both sides of the water, that there is no power, nor should there be, to throttle such expression.

I don't think it has been taken too seriously here, certainly not in important quarters, but naturally the reaction of your press, which has been followed here, has served as an antidote.

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In the normal course of events, I shall probably be in England late this summer or early fall, and it would be a great pleasure to have a reunion with you. Unfortunately, this seems to be generally a bad time on account of holidays and the like, but it is about the only time I can get away, after the adjournment of Congress and before the active autumn season comes on. In any event, I shall try to get in touch with you, probably in early September.

Sincerely,

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Director

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